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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Noriaki SAITO et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2826**

Serial No.: **10/633,544**

Examiner: **Johannes P. Mondt**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION and SPECIES REQUIREMENTS

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated December 17, 2004.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1-10 and 12-20; and Group (II), Claims 11 and 21, and an election of species is required between Species (I), Figures 4-7, pages 6-10; and Species (II), Figures 8-11, pages 10-13.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (I), Claims 1-10 and 12-20, and Species (I), Figures 4-7 for prosecution in this application. It is believed that claims 1-10 read on the elected species. This election is made without traverse, and it is understood that Applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

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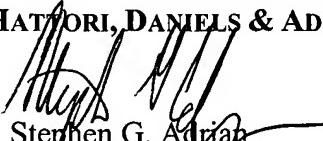
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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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